

Healthy Communities: One Building at a Time

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There has been an explosion of interest and activity around green buildings, and in particular, that part of green buildings that relates directly to indoor environmental quality. Since the indoor environment directly impacts public health, the movements toward healthy buildings and green buildings have merged. The purpose of this 90-minute session will be to share the most recent building science and technology information that is being made accessible to decision makers (such as building managers, design professionals, school administrators and officials, and government officials) in order to create healthy indoor environments. Our desired outcome is to have the audience understand the importance of scientific research in the area of indoor environmental quality and the mechanisms by which this research can be shared to influence behavior in order to design and operate healthier buildings.

Preliminary topics and speakers include the following:

- General introduction (Elizabeth Cotsworth, Director, ORIA)
- Overview of EPA's research base, current knowledge base, and methods of disseminating information about indoor air quality (John Girman, Director, Center for Analysis and Studies, ORIA)
- Research base (Bob Thompson, Acting Chief, Indoor Environment Management Branch of the National Risk Management Research Lab)
- Current state of knowledge (John Girman, Director, Center for Analysis and Studies, ORIA)
- Dissemination of information
 - Technical Assistance (David Mudarri or Bob Axelrad, ORIA)
 - IAQ Label for Homes (Sam Rashkin, OAP)
 - Public information (Tracy Enger, ORIA)